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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Mark Holm et al.

Application No.: 10/633,314

Group Art Unit: 3725

Filed: August 4, 2003

Examiner:

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BROWNING AND COOKING FOOD PRODUCTS WITH
STEAM

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY/AGENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. Request for Withdrawal : Please withdraw me as attorney for the above-identified patent application, and the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 21171 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36 (b) and 10.40.

2. Address of the Client/Assignee:

Pyramid Food Processing Equipment Manufacturing, Inc.
151 Lorum Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Attn: Mr. Jack Bresnahan
President

This application is the subject of an assignment from the inventors to the above-noted Assignee, which assignment is recorded at Reel 015048, Frame 0444.

Once the request for our withdrawal is approved, please direct all future correspondence regarding this application to the Assignee at the above-noted address.

3. Basis for Withdrawal Request

The attorneys under this Customer Number, particularly the undersigned, have rendered substantial legal services and expended substantial out-of-pocket sums on behalf of the Assignee.

Attached is a Statement of Account showing an unpaid balance of \$15,689.35 for legal services performed on behalf of the client. The earliest debit memo is from December, 2003, about nine months ago. Numerous reminders have been sent to the client in regard to the need to pay the balance. While

a payment was received recently, it related only to debit memos from August, 2003, and it is not expected that further payments will be received very soon.

We believe that our firm will be harmed if we must continue to assume responsibility in any way over this application.

4. Ample Time for Assignee to Act

The status of the application is that it is pending and no Office Action has yet issued. Accordingly, there is no response due date set in this application at this time.

5. Notification of Client

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40, a copy of this request is being sent to the Assignee at the above-noted address.

The undersigned has not been advised by the Assignee of any replacement counsel having been chosen yet.

In conclusion, due to the absence of receiving all our fees from the Assignee, we do now want to expend any further time or expense on this application or continue to be responsible in any way therefore. For this reason, we earnestly solicit the Commissioner's prompt consideration and approval of this application to withdraw.

The undersigned, as a Partner of the firm, signs on behalf of all attorneys/agents included in Customer No. 21171 of record in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Statement of Account

Date	Debit Memo Number	Amount
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December 31, 2003	1697-160827	8,081.68
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June 30, 2004	1697-169584	1,565.60
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July 30, 2004	1697-171036	81.70
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July 30, 2004	1697-171038	571.90

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